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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, IN
SUBJECT: EAST-WEST HIGHWAY PROJECT

REF: STATE 005188, NEW DELHI 306

1. WE CONCUR IN NEW DELHI 306.

2. AS SEEN FROM KATHMANDU, WE ASSUME FAILURE TO
SUPPLY ADDITIONAL SPARE PARTS DURING THE EXTENDED
PERIOD OF PROJECT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY HAMPER THE
UTILIZATION OF USG MAP CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT
BEING USED ON THE EAST-WEST HIGHWAY AND THUS FURTHER
DELAY PROJECTS, COMPLETION OF WHICH WE CONSIDER
IMPORTANT. IF THIS ASSUPTION IS CORRECT AND, IN
VIEW OF NEW DELHI'S FINDING THAT NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE
FOR PARTS PROCUREMENT EXISTS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
DESIRABLE TO EXTEND FUNDING UNTIL COMPLETION OF PROJECT,
AS RECOMMENDED BY NEW DELHI. HOWEVER, IN ORDER
TO AVOID "A VIRTUALLY PERPETUAL" COMMITMENT, IT WOULD
SEEM ADVISABLE THAT INDIANS BE TOLD THAT THE ADDITIONAL
\$670,000 IS BEING EXTENDED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
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THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1981 AND THAT FURTHER
FUNDING WOULD BE UNLIKELY.
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